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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of
POMPEJUS et al.

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International Application
PCT/EP 98/08382

Filed: December 18, 1998

For: OROTIDINE-5'-PHOSPHATE DECARBOXYLASE GENE, GENE CONSTRUCT
COMPRISING THIS GENE AND ITS USE

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 3, line 2, delete "or 2".

Claim 5, line 3, delete "or 2".

Claim 7, lines 1 and 2, delete "or 6".

Claim 8, line 2, delete "or 6".

Claim 9, line 4, delete "or 2".

Claim 10, line 4, delete "or 2".

Claim 12, line 1, delete "or 11".

Claim 13, line 1, delete "any of claims 10 to 12" and insert --claim 10--.

Claim 14, line 2, delete "or 2".

REMARKS

The claims were amended in the preliminary examination. The claims have been amended further to eliminate multiple dependency and to put them in better form for U.S. filing. No new matter is included.

Favorable action is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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